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SUBJECT: UK APPROACH ON SOUTH AFRICAN SEAT ON IAEA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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1. REFTEL ASKED OUR REACTION TO UK PROPOSAL TO MAKE
STATEMENT AT GENERAL CONFERENCE REITERATING REGRET AT
NON-DESIGNATION OF SOUTH AFRICA ON BOARD OF GOVERNORS.
DIFFICULT TO JUDGE FROM HERE WHAT EFFECT SUCH STATEMENT
MIGHT HAVE BUT HARDLY SEEMS IT WOULD BY ITSELF HELP
GREATLY TO FORESTALL ATTEMPT TO OUST SOUTH AFRICA FROM
AGENCY.

2. IN VIEW OF REPORT THAT SOUTH AFRICANS WILL SHORTLY
BE REPLYING TO OUR AIDE MEMOIRE (STATE 224588),
SUGGEST QUESTION BE KEPT OPEN UNTIL WE SEE WHETHER SA
RESPONSE IS POSITIVE ENOUGH TO WARRANT EXPECTATION THAT
FROM FURTHER DISCUSSIONS SAG ADHERENCE TO NPT AND INTERIM
SAFEGUARDS CAN BE ACHIEVED.

3. IF SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS ARE UNDERWAY BETWEEN US AND SAG,
THIS COULD BE ADVANCED AS ADDITIONAL ARGUMENT AGAINST MOVES
TO REVOKE SA MEMBERSHIP IN IAEA. ALSO, ACTIVE US EFFORTS
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TO BOLSTER SOUTH AFRICA'S POSITION IN IAEA MIGHT BETTER
BE WITHHELD UNTIL SAG'S ATTITUDE CAN BE MORE FULLY ASSESSED.
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